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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: *Modification of Bioassays for Detection of  
Antigens Characteristic of Bacteria that are  
Causative of Ear and Respiratory Infections to  
Eliminate False Positive Results Caused by  
Nasopharyngeal Colonization of Children*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Devi:

In response to the Office Action, mailed March 5, 2009, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. Applicants believe that no fee is due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference ISA-102.01**.